

News Department.

Telegraphic News

The Hocking valley, Ohio, coal and iron miners are in a state of insurrection. During 1884 Burrard Inlet sent off 29,000,000 feet of lumber in 44 ships. Chicago business men anticipate a coming revival in all manufactures. The French lost enormously of their troops at Formosa, by death from fever. Gov. Cleveland has sent in a message resigning the governorship of New York. Within a few days earthquakes have been felt in many parts of the United States.

Connecticut valley farmers have a good crop of tobacco, well secured but can't sell it. The river bottoms in Indiana are overflowed and hundreds of families have had to move. Weather in Colorado, Montana and Dakota has been intensely cold, much of the time below zero.

Recently shocks of an earthquake alarmed people at Washington, D. C., also in Laconia, N. H. Two black brutes who assaulted white women in Mississippi were surrounded and riddled with bullets. Receipts of the New Orleans Exposition are ample for current expenses and they are paying up back dues.

A coal mine on Vancouver's Island took fire and two men—John Small and a Chinaman—were killed in it. At New Orleans four hundred applicants have been refused space for their exhibits as the room is all engaged. Iron manufacturers have great hopes of better times and many that have been shut down are resuming work again.

The London Times says Blaine's appeal to the anti-English sentiment of this country failed to secure the Irish vote, etc. Queen Victoria's daughter Beatrice is to marry Prince Henry of Battenburg. The young couple will stay with Mrs. Guelph.

Montreal will have an ice palace if the weather holds out. If a chinook comes the ice palace will run away of its own accord. Kansas railroad commissioners have demanded a reduction of rates on all roads and traffic managers unite in refusing it.

President Arthur will go to New Orleans January 15, to visit the Exposition unless some unforeseen contingency arises. The cost of collecting the National revenue for 1884 was in round numbers \$6,450,000. There were 41,417 persons employed.

The California wool clip was for 1884 37,415,300 pounds, against over 40,000,000 pounds in 1883, so reported by the wool exchange. Snow is very deep on the cattle ranges of Montana and cattle are actually starving to death. There has been no wind to carry it off.

At a Sunday meeting of socialists in Chicago the use of dynamite was favored unless the rich take the crowd into partnership. Gen. Fremont goes to Mexico to see about an immense land grant containing 13,000,000 acres in the northeastern part of that country.

The Hocking valley miners have burned the Bristol tunnel and several months will elapse before transportation can be resumed. Senator Ruger, of Illinois, supposed to be a republican, it is said, will go with the other side and elect a democrat to the U. S. Senate.

Losses from fires in the United States and Canada for 1884 foot up \$112,000,000 or \$15,000,000 more than the average for nine years back. Senator Sharon cannot sell property without the signature of Miss Hill, who the court has decided is his legal wife so he is in a very tight place.

Ex-speaker Randall is on a tour through the South and is making speeches in many great cities where he is received pleasantly by all parties. The officers of the Union Pacific have moved their offices and effects from Omaha, Nebraska, to Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the other side of the Missouri.

The World's Fair at New Orleans progresses fairly but is already two hundred thousand dollars in debt and its managers wish to have Congress help to that extent. General Stanford, of the Central Pacific, is said to be a strong candidate for the senatorship from California. They might as well turn the whole nation over to the monopolists as to elect their senators.

The Gentiles of Salt Lake refuse to pay taxes on the ground that all the schools are sectarian contrary to the constitution. The case is before the courts. They make pupils learn the Mormon catechism and other text books of their faith. The English troops are making slow progress over the Egyptian deserts. One they tried to march over proved too much for them and they must go by water, which will delay them two months.

Terrible earthquakes have occurred in Spain and two thousand lives were lost by buildings crashed and falling in the fields. Walls of great buildings are injured; in Oru city fourteen hundred houses were thrown down; killed and wounded are many thousands.

English advices note marked advances in value of breadstuffs. Chief Justice Waite, of the U. S. Supreme Court will soon make a journey to this coast. Bodies of 14 men, frozen, were found in north-western Nebraska, victims of a late fearful blizzard. Settlers going for supplies. Congressman Henley represents anti-monopolists and they are on top in California and expect to manage Cleveland's appointments in that State.

The tug Sol Thomas exploded on Coos Bay on January 4, she belonged to Simpson Brothers. The escape of the crew from death was remarkable. The Transcontinental association of Pacific coast railroads has abolished the special contract system and hereafter the full tariff rates will be charged all alike.

During 1884, the aggregate trade of San Francisco was \$50,000,000 under the average. The opening of the Northern Pacific and reduced values of wheat figure largely in producing this result. After a long debate the Senate passed the bill for the forfeiture of the Oregon Central railroad land grant. Our Senators both voted for the bill as it has been amended. Those who are settled on the grant have a prior right and the price is \$1.25 an acre. The house bill forfeited all lands while this applies only to lands on the route to Astoria and unfinished road within the original terms of the grant.

State and Territorial News. Coons and minks are getting fat at Sauvie's Island, feeding on ducks. The Portland Board of Trade will take care of needy immigrants who have been in the three weeks blockade. At Hillsboro the mercury dropped one day last week below zero, two degrees. They expect a good mining season on Rogue river because of the heavy fall of snow.

The blockade of the O. R. & N. Co. road along the Columbia had continued three weeks last Tuesday. McLeod's store, at Dille, Washington county, burned last week. But little insurance and heavy loss. The Columbia has been solid across from Lacamas to Troutdale but the ice was fast loosening at last accounts.

Eight day's back mail was expected at Portland on Tuesday. The rest of the Eastern mail has probably gone via the Central Pacific. David Thompson, of Lane county, had six horses worth \$600, drowned in a creek; Milt Richardson, same time and place, lost 150 sheep.

James McConnell's barn, Clackamas, fell in with weight of snow and killed four cows and two horses. Several similar losses have occurred. Reuben Green, of Pacific county, tried to cross the Willapa when the water was up and was swept down stream and drowned. He was a new comer.

Huntington, the town on Snake river, where the Short Line connects with the O. R. & N. Co., is said to be without law and full of gamblers and prostitutes. John Holland, of Portland, has 4000 sheep near Dufur, Wasco county, and sent a messenger to learn how they were. The answer by wire is, your sheep are O. K.

Mrs. Blaine refused to attend the White House on New Years day and aid the president to receive the whole world. They say she has snubbed Mr. Arthur. The Chinese pheasants recently received at Portland are dying for want of freedom, some of them have killed themselves by beating against the walls of their cages. Tillie Sylvester, aged 13, was run over and killed on a trestle near Portland south of the Fourth street bridge. She turned to look just as she reached solid ground, fell and was crushed between the ties.

On Monday morning the early train to Portland went through a bridge in a small creek south of the Salem depot, fortunately no one was dangerously hurt but the reck was costly to the O. & C. Butchers at Portland have laid in a large stock of beef cattle and now have put up prices of meat exorbitantly. Cattle men try to put up the price of the stock to correspond but the butchers can't see it in that light.

George Palmer, a bachelor, near Napa-vine, Lewis county, was found dead, shot through the head. It cannot be told if he was murdered or suicided. The man who found this body went to call a neighbor named Seal, and as he did not respond they broke in and found him dead in his bed, his gun by his side. In addition to these horrors, William Pearson, while visiting his wife's father, Judge Dillinbaugh, at Chehalis, killed his child and cut his own and wife's throats. They were found in the morning, not dead, but very far gone. All these things happened in one neighborhood, within a few days. The Pearsons were spiritualists and were doing, as spirits told them. Besides these cases, Daniel Cawley committed suicide on Lewis's river on December 21, 1884.

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